

## Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., April 2, 1833, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, April 2, 1833.

*My son,* A few hours after Mr. George Breathett left me this morning I received your kind and affectionate letter, of the 30 ultimo giving the pleasing intelligence of your safe arrival, and the improved health of sarah, and the dear little Rachel.

I should have wrote you by Mr. Breathett, but having wrote you the day before giving the news of the Colera having reached the Hermitage, destroyed Titus and Anna's child I had nothing to communicate, excepting the burning of the Treasury House, the particulars of which will be related to you, by Mr. Breathett. as the investigation progresses, it becomes more apparent that it could not have proceeded from accident, but must have been the act of an incendiary. But what limb of Nullification has done the wicked deed, has not as yet been discovered, and perhaps never may.

Doctor Breathett of Franklin is with his Brother George, I wish you to pay some attention to him, as well as Mr. Weatherall. Let him see sarah and my dear little Rachel, and if convenient I would like to hear that George and the Doctor had dined with you at Mr. Weatherells.

Today my health has been better than it has been for some time, and I trust in a kind providence that it may continue to improve. I am very lonesome since you left us, and will rejoice to see you and sarah with the little pet, safe here again. I am anxious about sarah's health, and have sent on by Mr. Breathett an introductory letter for you and him to

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Doctor Physic<sup>1</sup> whose advice on her situation I am very desirous should be had. his skill and experience, if any thing is wrong, will, by taking it in time, perfectly restore her, when if neglected now, may destroy her health in time. Therefore it is, that I wish you to take Doctor Physic's advice in her case, and I pray you not to neglect it.

1 Philip Syng Physick (1768–1837), of Philadelphia, the most eminent of American surgeons at this time.

I shall want, so soon as my funds will permit me to make the purchase, two spring bottom settees and one Dozzen of good chairs, or one Dozzen and a half. before you leave the city, make enquiry what the two settees and the Dozzen and a half of chairs will cost and where they can be had—of good quality—and also to examine for carpenting. view those East India matts or carpetting and see whether these recommended by Mr. Toland will answer, better for the passage than oil cloath, and whether Sarah would prefer these to common carpets for the bedrooms. I intend having finished the room next to the garden, and furnished. The paper got for sarahs room, if yet on hand, will paper that. This room when papered, and furnished, will be a very convenient lodging room, and being on the lower floor, more convenient, than those upstairs.

Give my compliments to Mr. and Mrs. Weatherall, to Emma, and Miss Lippincot, to Mr. Breathet and the Doctor Toland, and Leiper, and all inquiring friends. Say to Mr. Breathet I will write him soon, when the enquiry about the burning is over. Kiss sarah and my D'r Little Rachel for me, and with my prayers for your healths and safetys and speedy return, I am affectionately yrs

It is now 11 oclock—good night.